

## PREAMBLE AND RESOLUTIONS

OF THE

### GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA,

IN FAVOR OF

*A repeal on the duty of railroad iron.*

FEBRUARY 18, 1857.—Read, referred to the Committee on Finance, and ordered to be printed.

Whereas the present duty on railroad iron imported from abroad imposes a serious burden on the people of this State, by the increased expense thereby incurred in the construction of railroads therein; and whereas, the present revenue of the general government is much beyond its necessary and legitimate wants, and a repeal of these duties would in no manner embarrass the operations of the government, whilst it would extend proper encouragement to the enterprises most calculated to develop the resources of the western States and Territories; Therefore—

*Resolved*, That our senators in Congress be instructed, and our representatives requested, to use their influence and votes\* to procure a repeal of the duty aforesaid.

*Resolved*, That the secretary of state be requested to send a copy of this preamble and resolutions to each of our senators and representatives at Washington.

SAMUEL McFARLAND,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*  
W. W. HAMILTON,  
*President of the Senate.*

Approved January 21, 1857.

JAMES W. GRIMES.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy from the original roll on file in my office.

ELIJAH SELLS,  
*Secretary of State.*

